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For: DEVICE FOR ARRANGING THE ACTUATING SHAFT OF A LOW-VOLTAGE CIRCUIT BREAKER AND MULTIPOLE LOW-VOLTAGE CIRCUIT BREAKER WITH A DEVICE FOR ARRANGING THE ACTUATING SHAFT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A bearing arrangement for a switching shaft of a low-voltage circuit breaker, in which two coupling levers are arranged at a distance from one another on an integral switching shaft, for mechanical connection of a movable switching contact associated with one switch pole, comprising: